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SUBJECT: TARIFF COMMISSION STUDY--COMPETITIVE POSITION OF
U.S. INDUSTRY

1. HERMAN DEHENNIN, DCM AND CHARGE D'AFFAIRS, BELGIAN
EMBASSY, CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMSTRONG ON DEC. 17
TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS ABOUT THE TARIFF CO*MISSION'S
ACTION IN SENDING A QUESTIONNAIRE TO BELGIAN FIRMS:

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2. HE SAID THAT THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED BY THE

INITIATIVE TAKEN BY THE TARIFF COMMISSION TO MAKE AN INVESTIGATION ON MATTERS OF INDUSTRIAL COMPETITION WITH RESPECT TO BELGIAN FIRMS, IN PARTICULAR GLAVERBEL, WITHOUT CONSULTING THE BELGIAN AUTHORITIES AHEAD OF TIME. DEHENNIN SAID A SURVEY OF THIS KIND OUGHT NORMALLY TO BE MADE THROUGH THE COMMERCIAL SERVICES OF EMBASSIES, WHICH WOULD MAKE THE NECESSARY CONTACTS IN THE COUNTRIES WHERE THEY ARE ACCREDITED ACCORDING TO THE USUAL DIPLOMATIC PROCEDURES. HE CONSIDERED IT DOUBTFUL THAT THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES WOULD APPRECIATE SIMILAR SURVEYS OF THEIR OWN ENTERPRISES BY FOREIGN PUBLIC AGENCIES. MUCH OF THE INFORMATION REQUESTED FOR THE SURVEY RELATES TO BUSINESS SECRETS AND THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT ITSELF WOULD NOT FEEL ENTITLED TO ASK QUESTIONS OF THIS NATURE.

3. IN RESPONSE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMSTRONG AGREED THAT THE PROCEDURE FOLLOWED IN THIS CASE DEPARTED FROM NORMAL PRACTICE. HE SAID THAT THE TYPE OF INFORMATION REQUESTED WAS SUCH THAT ANY FIRM SHOULD FEEL FREE TO REFUSE TO RESPOND. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IS AWARE THAT SEEKING SUCH INFORMATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND SWITZERLAND, FOR EXAMPLE, IS CONTRARY TO THEIR LAWS. RUSH

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